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## The Crisis Deepens

MARK 4:9-12, 34

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THIS IS THE JESUS WE DON'T LIKE, KEEPING PEOPLE IN THE DARK, PREVENTING FORGIVENESS!

## The Plot Twist

MARK 5:1-20

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